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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: *In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations*

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

We believe that the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will be good for Missouri's economy and workers, and we anticipate that you will discover the same during your review of their application.

It is difficult to underestimate the importance of having a first-rate wireless network as the country tries to pull itself out of the recent recession. By enabling the next generation of wireless service – at a significantly higher speed than current levels – this merger will spur the economy and help businesses grow and create jobs. The merger also promises a sorely needed increase in broadband speed and build-out in rural communities in Missouri and across the United States – areas that President Obama and the FCC have highlighted as important in bringing the United States to global parity.

This merger will also help ensure that AT&T has a strong telecom workforce that is well positioned to compete globally, while offering more than 20,000 of T-Mobile USA employees the benefits of AT&T's pro-worker policies and the chance to unionize if they choose. The fact is that T-Mobile's owners have been looking for a buyer, and AT&T is the only unionized U.S. wireless company, so this merger is an excellent match for the companies and their workers.

This merger brings with it a range of benefits and behalf of the working families of Missouri, we ask you to approve it.

Sincerely,

Hugh McVey
President
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